

United Nations Climate Change Report Wrong As Usual

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Environment: The United Nations on Friday released its climate change report, which says that scientists are 95% sure that man is causing Earth to warm. Well, we're 100% sure this finding deserves a heaping dose of ridicule.

"It is extremely likely (95% confidence)," says the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, that "more than half of the observed increase in global average surface temperature from 1951 to 2010 was caused by the anthropogenic increase in greenhouse gas concentrations and other anthropogenic forcings together."

And the last 15 or 16 years during which there has been no warming (even though the climate models the IPCC has put its faith in projected continued warming)?

That's just not enough time, says the IPCC, to draw any conclusions.

But don't doubt that had there been any warming during that period, the IPCC would have marked it down as unequivocal evidence of man-made warming.

The IPCC takes itself seriously, as do the media and a large number of blind believers around the world who are also, unfortunately, policymakers.

But it has no credibility.

Instead of admitting that its models have been wrong — and therefore its conclusions incorrect — it has stubbornly increased its level of confidence that man is causing his world to heat from a "very confident" 90% certainty in the last report (2007) to 95% this time.

This is, of course, laughable.

There are too many variables, too much still not understood to say what impact man's carbon dioxide output has had on temperatures.

About those climate models: They're less reliable than a had-too-many-drinks weatherman's 30-day forecast. Just a few months ago a study appeared in Nature Geoscience that showed the climate's sensitivity to increases in CO₂ concentrations is not nearly as high as the models the IPCC uses.

Other studies have confirmed that report, but the IPCC continues to rely on the flawed models — and keeps increasing its degree of certainty that humans are to blame for warming that has stopped.

As Cato Institute scholars Patrick J. Michaels and Paul C. "Chip" Knappenberger observe, there is "prima facie evidence" that the models "cannot even track the evolution of the broadest measure of climate, the Earth's average temperature, for the last 10-20 years."

The IPCC is simply not trustworthy. It has invested heavily in the man-made warming assumption and cannot change course. It still insists that temperatures will climb to dangerous heights and sea levels will increase ever faster.

Like President Obama trapping himself with a red line on Syria, the IPCC and the rest of the global warming community have put themselves on a path they dare not deviate from. They have hectorated and sermonized and ranted about human CO₂ output and climate change so much over the last two decades that they can't admit they're wrong without looking foolish.

But they're merely putting off the inevitable. They will look irredeemably foolish eventually as their dire predictions continue to be false prophecies.

Clearly, politics have long replaced science at the IPCC. A large number of researchers still insist that man is heating Earth, though there is no consensus and never has been. The politics are just too important to them. Of this, we are 110% sure.